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1. HIMATT DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION, DIEGO SALAZAR, INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY THAT CONTRALORIA GENERAL DE LA REPUBLICA HAD NOT INCLUDED SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN ITS 1977 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FINAL DECREE (DATED APRIL 26, 1978) TO PERMIT PAYMENT TO U.S. OF \$78,000 DEBT. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIMATT HAD REQUESTED TOTAL OF OVER COL \$64 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TO BE ACQUIRED FROM END-OF-YEAR BUDGET SURPLUS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, BUT HIMATT HAD BEEN GRANTED ONLY COL \$400,000. HE ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONE OF DENYING THE DEBT, RATHER THE SHORTAGE OF FUNDS IN THE TREASURY.

2. DR. SALAZAR ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT THE DEBT REMAINS IN HIMATT'S 1978 BUDGET AND THAT HIMATT WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN EFFORTS TO SECURE FUNDS FOR PAYMENT. HOWEVER, HE NOW SAW NO MEANS BY WHICH HIMATT COULD EFFECT PAYMENT, INDICATING THAT THE EMBASSY MUST DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY. HE SAID HIMATT WOULD PREPARE A REPORT DETAILING THE
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HISTORY AND LEGITIMACY OF THE DEBT FOR TREASURY, WITH A REQUEST THAT THE DEBT BE HONORED. HE PROMISED TO SEND A COPY TO THE EMBASSY FOR OUR USE IN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE MATTER.
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